

by praises ana prayers, ever increase;
INDRA, -whom
neither years nor months make old, nor
days enfeeble.

8. Glorified by us, he bows not down to the robust,
nor to the resolute, nor to the persevering
(worshipper)

who is instigated by the (irreligious) *Dasyus*: the
lofty mountains are easy of¹ access to INDRA; to him
there is a bottom in the (lowest) deep. ,

9. Powerful INDRA, drinker of the \$wwr-juice, (ac-
tuated) by a profound and comprehensive
(purpose),

grant us food«and strength: be ever diligent,
benevo-

lent INDRA, for our protection by day and by night.

10. Accompany, INDRA, the leader in battle for his
protection; defend him against a near (or
distant)

foe; protect him from an enemy, whether in (his)
house

or in a forest, and may we, blessed with
excellent

male descendants, be happy for a hundred winters.

S6KTAII. (XXV.)

Deity, *Itiskī*, and metre as before.

1. Powerful INDRA, with these (thy protections),
Varga xix.

whether the protection be little, great, or
middling,

defend us for the destruction of our foes:

supply us,

fierce INDRA, who art mighty, with those

viands (that

are needed).

2. (Induced) by these (praises),¹ protecting
our

Assailing host, baffle, INDRA, the wrath of the
enemy:

(induced) by them, overthrow, on the part of tie
Arya, all the servile races everywhere abiding⁸

¹ The text has only *aa/iik* by these, which
Sdyana explains
asmadiydbhih stutibhih, by our praises; or it
might have been
thought to refer to the preceding stanza,
dbhir-utibkih with
these protections.

⁸ *Viswd dbhiyīLJo vishuchir drydya vbo ava
tdrir-dfaih:*